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1. MFA UNDER SECRETARY ANAN PANYARACHUN RECALLED AMBAS-  
SADOR TO MINISTRY LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 17 AND PRESENTED  
HIM FOLLOWING REVISED PROPOSAL FOR SEVEN PRINCIPLES.  
REPORT OF DISCUSSION IS CONTAINED SEPTTEL.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. AMERICAN FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL SHALL BE  
SUBJECT TO THAI JURISDICTION UNLESS EXEMPTED BY NEW  
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT AND THE  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT;

2. THESE FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL SHALL IN NO  
WAY BE USED TO THREATEN OR INTERFERE WITH THE NATIONAL  
SOVEREIGNTY OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AND SHALL BE EM-  
PLOYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES  
OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

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OPERATION AND INTERESTS, REPORTS OF THE ACTIVITIES

INVOLVING THESE FACILITIES OPERATED BY US PERSONNEL  
IN THAILAND, INCLUDING INFORMATION AND DATA DERIVED  
FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES, SHALL BE COMMUNICATED REGULARLY  
TO THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT;

4. AN ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMME SHALL BE  
URGENTLY UNDERTAKEN WITH THE VIEW TO THE EVENTUAL  
REPLACEMENT OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL OPERATING THE  
FACILITIES BY THAI PERSONNEL;

5. AMERICAN PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE  
FACILITIES IN THAILAND SHALL NOT EXCEED THE  
NUMBER AGREED BY THE ROYAL THIA GOVERNMENT;

6. THESE AUTHORIZED AMERICAN PERSONNEL SHALL  
ENJOY SUCH PRIVILEGES AS ARE ACCORDED TO TECHNICAL  
EXPERTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, AND SHALL ENJOY IMMUN-  
NITY FROM CRIMINAL JURISDICTION REGARDING OFFEENSES  
WHICH, IN THE VIEW OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT,  
ARE COMMITTED IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES;

7. AGREEMENTS PERTAINING TO SUCH COOPERATION  
SHALL CONTINUE FOR THE DURATION OF TWO YEARS AND MAY  
BE RENEWABLE. EITHER PARTY MAY, HOWEVER, TERMINT  
THESE AGREEMENTS BY GIVING THREE MONTHS PRIOR  
NOTICE. END TEXT.

2. IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF A HIATUS  
IN THE STATUS OF U.S. PERSONNEL, ANAN PROPOSED  
THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH AGREEMENT ON THE SEVEN  
PRINCIPLES, A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BE SIGNED  
RELATING TO PRINCIPLE 6. THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-  
STANDING WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. THE ROYAL THAI AND UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENTS WILL CONCLUDE WITHIN THREE MONTHS NEW AGREEMENTS  
WHICH, INTER ALIA, WILL GOVERN THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO  
BE ACCORDED TO U.S. PERSONNEL OPERATING FACILITIES IN THAILAND.  
PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF SUCH AGREEMENTS, U.S. PERSONNEL  
AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE FACILITIES IN THAILA E SHALL  
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BE ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES WHICH  
ARE CUSTOMARILY ACCORDED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW  
TO THE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL OF  
FOREIGN EMBASSIES. END TEXT.

3. BOTH THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES AND THE MEMORANDUM  
OF UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC, ANAN SAID.  
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